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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ALLEN ET AL.

Examiner

Michael P. Nghiem

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The Amendment filed on May 16, 2005 has been acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilhelm et al. (US 6,211,623).

Regarding claim 18, Wilhelm et al. discloses an integrated circuit (Fig. 3) adapted for voltage level detection (Fig. 3), the integrated circuit comprising:

- a plurality of voltage supply conductors (conductors from CT) configured for providing a power supply voltage (voltage from CT) to the integrated circuit (Fig. 3);
- a monitor cell (comprises comparators, Fig. 3) integrated in the integrated circuit for testing over and under voltage conditions (Fig. 3), the monitor cell comprising a first digital voltage comparator (comparator before 74, Fig. 3) and a second digital voltage comparator (comparator before 72, Fig. 3) each of the comparators coupled

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respectively to an associated latch (74, 72) for receiving the output of the voltage comparator (Fig. 3), wherein:

- inputs to the first comparator comprise a supply voltage (voltage from CT) from one of the plurality of supply conductors and an overvoltage reference voltage (4.0 V);
- inputs to the second comparator comprise the supply voltage (CT) from the one of the plurality of supply conductors and an undervoltage reference voltage (2.0 V).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-17 are allowed.

Reasons For Allowance

The combination as claimed wherein applying a second reference voltage having a value different from the first reference voltage to the first input of the first monitor cell (claim 1) or storing the first and second determinations in a first latch and a second latch attached respectively to the first and second comparators (claim 14) or the monitor cell is further configured to receive at an input of the first comparator and at an input of the

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second comparator a reference voltage provided by one of the plurality of voltage supply conductors for comparison with the supply voltage (claim 19) or the monitor cell is configured to receive a reference voltage from automated test equipment and to transmit outputs of the associated latches to the automated test equipment (claim 20) or the latches of monitor cell each include a timer configured to timestamp occurrences of overvoltage incidents and undervoltage incidents (claim 21) is not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed May 16, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive in view of the ground of rejection above.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P Nghiem whose telephone number is (571) 272-2277. The examiner can normally be reached on M-H.

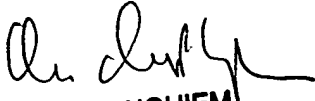
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on (571) 272-2269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8000.

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